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No. 80357-9

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

RAJVIR PANAG, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, Respondent,

v.

FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF WASHINGTON, a foreign insurance company, and CREDIT CONTROL SERVICES, INC., dba Credit Collection Services,

Petitioners.

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES BY PETITIONER FARMERS INSURANCE COMPANY OF WASHINGTON

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The additional authority includes:

- (1) Pisciotta v. Old National Bancorp., __ F.3d _, 2007 WL 2389770, *2 (7th Cir. Aug. 23, 2007) ("the expenditure of money to monitor one's credit is not the result of any present injury, but rather the anticipation of future injury that has not yet materialized.") (citing Forbes v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A, 420 F. Supp.2d 1018, 1021 (D. Minn. 2006));
- (2) Randolph v. ING Ins. and Annuity Co., 486 F. Supp.2d 1, 8 (D. C. Cir. 2007) ("even if individual plaintiffs have purchased and paid for credit monitoring services, the 'lost data' cases . . . clearly reject the theory that a plaintiff is entitled to reimbursement for credit monitoring services or for time and money spent monitoring his or her credit");

- (3) Kahle v. Litton Loan Servicing LP, 486 F. Supp.2d 705, 713 (S.D. Ohio 2007) ("[i]t is Plaintiff's choice to obtain credit monitoring; however . . . this Court cannot find the cost of obtaining that credit monitoring to amount to damages . . . Plaintiff has failed to establish an injury . . .");
- (4) Forbes v. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., 420 F. Supp.2d 1018, 1020-21 (D. Minn. 2006) ("the plaintiffs' injuries are solely the result of a perceived risk of future harm. Plaintiffs have shown no present injury or reasonably certain future injury to support damages for any alleged increased risk of harm.").

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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